

Association Meeting

December 3, 2021 @ 8:30am
Agenda/Minutes



Zoom Info:

[Click HERE to access Zoom Meeting](#)

Call To Order **8:40am**

Attendance

(Zoom): Alex Pajor, Steve Foerch, Andy Foerch, Doug Foerch, Tom Huml, Sam Zeman, Lora Kalka, Mike Opsal, Joon Yun, Carlos Fuentes, CJ Johnson, Xavier Barry, Lee Wood(?), George Joseph, Dave Masciola

(In-Person): Eric Harima, Josh Levin, Jeff Levin, Mike Galfi, Liam Berg, Brandon Tucker, Erik Bostrom, Mike Schoenbeck, Zack Crandall, Ryan Dul, CJ Patton, Dylan Kowatsch, Zach Hittie, Bill Cordts, Rachel Fischer, Aaron Marnstein, Anthony Hardin, Charles Nowak, Keith Mukai, Jarrod Amolsch, Adrian Batista, Frank Novakowski, Blaise Blasko, Gregg Didech, Bruce Beiersdorf, Matt Meyer, Anthony Avella, Paul Kim, John Taylor, Josh Cimo, Ryan Brown, Scott Phillips, Jason Brandenburg

Balance

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| - Current Balance: | \$8,336.16 |
| - Balance at this time last year: | \$9,080.53 |

Future of Gymnastics

Moving beyond high school presented by Josh Levin

Possibilities for out gymnasts beyond HS - Anyone who wants to do collegiate gymnastics can do that through GymAct. Northern Illinois - no cuts, opportunity provided for anyone who wants to show up and participate. Even if they do not make the top 5 competitive lineup, there will be opportunities for them to compete - i.e. the Pineapple meet. NIU is not the only school in the area that offers GymAct team - UIC also does. NOTE: You do not need to be a student at the school, you just need to be going to a school (12 credits, 6 credits per semester) and you can participate on a team. The sport is not a dead end after HS, there are opportunities to continue on in the sport post HS. WE need athletes to continue with the sport after HS so that they can continue to help grow the sport after college.

Current State of Gymnastics in IHSA

Updates from IHSA

- State Meet is set and at Hoffman Estates again Believe to be the last year here. Hoping Niles West will be the new location for the next 4 years.
- Review year for participation numbers - down last year in teams ~~Hinsdale-Central~~ looking for a ~~head coach~~. Stevenson looks like it will have a head coach this 21-22 season
- Rules Book Update

- We are good for one more season under the “old book” The rule change of allowing the vault to be lowered will not be able to be implemented on the “old book” and will have to be added into the next years rule changes.
- NFHS - no longer backing our book following this season
 - USAG has agreed to back our book along with modifications Jason Woodnick (USAG vice president) has agreed to have USAG endorsement of our book allowing for modifications. Important to understand that boys gymnastics now operates under the National rulebook, not the NFHS. important to ensure your AD’s understand that. USAG will do updates once a year in November and will try to stick with those for the entire competition season. This will help us because there will be no more mid-season rule changes.
 - From November’s Notes:
 - Individuals do count as a “program” but the IHSA will look much more favorably on a full team. Teams of 3-5 athletes. Frank Novakowski spoke with the USAG President, and he agreed to support our rulebook which is level 9 with a few HS modifications. In the long run, cutting out the NFHS removes a step involved in the approval of our yearbook while still maintaining recognition from a national governing body.

Updates from Advisory Board

- Keith Mukai is the officiating rep and Greg Gebhardt is the coaching rep on the advisory board.

Updates from the President

- IHSGGCA (Girls Gymnastics Coaches Association)
 - They are under new leadership and willing to bridge the gap that exists between our associations. This is good for the health of our sport in general. Other positives/benefits that could occur from a mutual relationship:
 - More potential coaches & judges for Boys Programs
 - Increased potential to start boys programs for schools who ONLY have a girls programs - The IHSGGCA Coaches can communicate, promote, and support to their AD’s
 - Joint Coaching Clinics
 - Fundraisers
 - Potential to restart old meets (ie: Mixed-Pairs Meet)

Updates from Coaches

- Recruiting should start now for gymnasts (from Sam Zeman - email was sent)
 - A MUST - get your Freshmen teams going
- Coaching Vacancies (see [Open Coaching Positions](#)) Hinsdale Central looking for head coaching position. Please view link and help to get head coaches positions filled. UPDATED NOTE (12/6/2021) - HC is NOT looking for coaches for this season, but will be in the future.

Finances

Email & Phishing Scams

Tax & Non-Profit Status

- Update: All forms are filled out and completed. To be mailed out today.
- We still maintain our 501(c)3 status with the IRS.

Budget Plan & Proposal

- Left fundraising open-ended to see what we need to “break even”. Without any fundraising we would have a -\$1,600.00 deficit. This was found by averaging our expenses over the last few years and removing all of our fundraising income to see our losses in order to emphasize the importance of fundraising. This is important to provide the best opportunities and experiences for the athletes in this sport.

2021-2022 Association Fees

- Head Coaches: \$25
- Assistant Coaches: \$20
- Judges: \$15
- Hall of Fame: \$0
- December Clinic Fee: \$45

Fundraising

- No Fundraising other than contributions in 2020-2021
- Ideas for 2021-2022
 - Brewery Fundraisers ... maybe not a good idea given that COVID still remains a factor?
 - Casino Nights (cannot do until we are reinstated as a non-profit organization in Illinois)
 - Casino nights over the summer once we are reinstated in IL as non profit. Bad casino night generation could be around \$2,000. A good night could be much more.
 - Gym Set-ups - time is of essence. We would need to commit now.
 - USAG Girls Gymnastics Level 6, 7, & 8 State Meet Set-up & Tear Down. This will earn around \$1200 for set-up and around \$1200 for tear down. Thursday, March 31 set up, sunday April 3 tear down. Everyone should get their captains/team leaders to sign up. Small numbers from many teams will make it much easier to commit right now.
 - [SIGN UP HERE !!!!!!!](#)
 - Spring/Postseason Family Cook-out with raffles, games, etc ...
 - Virtual Meet - Jason Orna has suggested this for several years.
 - Please share any other ideas we may have as an association for fundraising.
 - Email the President and exec board with any suggestions.

(Anthony Avella - Conant): Chipotle fundraiser- 4 hour window, show up to chipotle, team gets 33% of products sold.

Philanthropy

- Special olympics - judging and using the team as score runners and flashers. Brandon Tucker has done this in the past with Zach Crandall
 - Easy to split morning and afternoon shifts with another team. Good opportunity to teach athletes to judge/ Flash scores.
 - Bringing captains from multiple schools would be a unique and fun way to get more teams represented at a volunteer event.
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Would be great to get more teams involved in the special olympics judging etc outside of Buffalo Grove and Glenbrook South.

2021-2022 Season

Positions of Note

Conference Reps - time to nominate

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| ● CSL | Adrian Batista | Nominated: Keith Mukai | Seconded: Ryan Dul |
| ● MSL East | Zach Crandall | Nominated: Ryan Brown | Seconded: CJ Patton |
| ● MSL West | Eric Harima | Nominated: CJ Patton | Seconded: Jason Brandenburg |
| ● WSC Gold | Bill Cordts | Nominated: Mike Galfi | Seconded: Ryan Dul |
| ● WSC Silver | Carlos Fuentes | Nominated: Frank Novakowski | Seconded: Ryan Dul |
| ● Independent | Greg Gebhardt | Nominated: Frank Novakowski | Seconded: Ryan Dul |

Executive Board

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| ● Ryan Dul - President | rdul@glenbrook225.org |
| ● Jason Brandenburg- Vice President | jbrandenburg@d211.org |
| ● CJ Patton- Treasurer | CJGymnast7@gmail.com |
| ● Alex Pajor - Secretary | pajor.alex@gmail.com |

Steering Committee

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| ● Julian Basler | Jeepr77@aol.com |
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| ● Keith Mukai | kdmukai@gmail.com |
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| ● Brandon Tucker | btucker@glenbrook225.org |

Rules Committee

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| ● Zach Crandall | zach.crandall@d214.org |
| ● Gred Didech | DIDEYS@aol.com |
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| ● Greg Gebhardt | greg.gebhardt@cusd200.org |
| ● Scott Hagel | shagel@d211.org |
| ● Keith Mukai | kdmukai@gmail.com |
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Future Meetings

Association Meetings

Rolling Meadows is able to host our association meetings in-person. A minimum of 3 meetings must be attended virtually (or one + clinic in person) before the voting meeting in order to vote.

- Friday, December 3, 2021 (December Clinic)
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022
- Monday, March 14, 2022

- Monday, April 18, 2022
- Monday, May 9, 2022
- Monday, May 16, 2022 (HOF Banquet)

Dates to Note

Season Starts:	February, 14, 2022
1st Contests:	February, 28, 2022
Sectional Seeds Due:	March, 29, 2022
List of Participants Due:	April 18, 2022
Sectional Week:	May 2-7, 2022
State Meet: Ind. Pre/AA:	May 13, 2022
State Meet: Team/Ind Finals:	May 14, 2022

Judging

Updates

- A couple retirees this year, so we're going to need people to pick up the slack
- Only 28 current registered judges, down from 40+ last year and the year before.
- Only 9 certified "state-ready" judges
 - Anybody that is eligible for a promotion should apply to be promoted

Everyone who is unsure should check with Frank Novakowski about their current status

Signing-up

- Sign-up if you have not!
- First year judges do not have to pay a late fee
- [Registration Process](#)
 - Follow all instructions on the link above to register as an official

Judging Committee

- Recommendations: 3 categories of people who are UNABLE to judge.
 - 1. People who cannot commit.
 - 2. People who genuinely do NOT want to do it.
 - 3. People who want to do it, but feel they are not ready.

Committee has decided to run a survey to find out who is in what category.

Hoping to address those who respond with #3 in two ways, 1) What can we do to help get you prepared? How can we enable you to be successful? And 2) Get them to accept that there is only one way to get prepared and that is through experience by participation and emphasize the need for them to begin judging otherwise coaches will be forced to judge their own meets. In other words, accept the inevitability that they will have to start judging regardless of their feelings on preparedness.

Possibility of setting up invites that force coaches to judge those routines and make it a prereq of the invite to judge, and force them to gain the experience of sitting in the chair.

Did the committee discuss the use of retired judges or HOF members to help sit with coaches who are learning to judge to help talk them through it?

Response: if you are volunteering we will be happy to go that route.

Blaise: **Motions that the committee implement these motions, and once a month the chairman updates the assoc. On the effectiveness of the implementation of these ideas. Seconded: Keith Mukai**

Call to vote: **Vote Passed unanimously**

Judging Clinic

- Dates: **Saturday, February 5th**
 - In-person or virtual? ... What are your thoughts as an association?

Judges Training Resources

[New Judge Starter Pack](#)

Click on the link above which will provide a new judge (or even a veteran judge) with all of the resources possible to help aid them with anything judging related.

Videos

To help with your training for both judging and coaching- Brandon Tucker has graciously begun to develop judges training video tutorials on youtube for those of you who could not attend the clinics or mini clinics. Please view these videos and consider joining our team of judges, and thank you Brandon for developing these! They can also be found on the association webpage.

- [General overview](#)
- [Floor Ex](#)
- [Rings](#)
- [Vault](#)
- [Parallel Bars](#)
- [High Bar](#)
- [POMMEL HORSE SKILLS VIDEO](#)

Rules & Interps Updates

See link for most recent updates: <http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>

For the good of the Membership/New Business

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Stevenson	Contact Trish Betthausser	Athletic Director	tbetthausser@d125.org
Hinsdale Central	Contact Dan Jones	Athletic Director	djones@hinsdale86.org

Assistant Coach Positions:

Highland Park	Contact Brian Bekkedal	Head Coach	bbekkedal@dist113.org
Deerfield	Contact Doug Foerch	Head Coach	dfoerch@dist113.org
Schaumburg	Contact Eric Harima	Head Coach	gymnastshs@gmail.com
Barrington	Contact Ryan Trostrud	Head Coach	rtrostrud@gmail.com
Maine East	Contact George Joseph	Head Coach	gjoseph@maine207.org
Glenbard North	Contact Dennis Wellman	Head Coach	dennis_wellman@glenbard.org
Stevenson	Contact Trish Betthausser	Athletic Director	tbetthausser@d125.org
Glenbard West	Contact Carlos Fuentes	Head Coach	juan_fuentes@glenbard.org

Job Posting

Hinsdale Central 0.8 Math

Looking for Invites/Meets:

Have open spots for Invites/Meets:

Ideas & Suggestions regarding to supporting/promoting our sport

- Bill Cordts - Discussion on having a two-level state meet.

This is based on how Louisiana and Texas run their state boys gymnastics programs. Running a compulsory routine format state competition and an optional format will help to level the competitive playing field and get as many kids awards as possible. Promotes good, disciplined gymnastics. Operates under the USAG rules. Helps kids transition from the club to the HS competition meaning the club level compulsory would be the same as the HS compulsory routines. Clarification: compulsory is not replacing optional, but is working in tandem with the optional routine.

How would teams competing compulsory routines at one level match up with teams competing compulsory routines at a different level?

Is the suggestion that teams would be either compulsory vs optional? Or both? Should the state meet be a joint competition or separate state meets?

Can teams be mixed optional and compulsory? No, the decision whether you are optional or compulsory must be defined . When would this decision be made?

- Equipment needs ... contact Jerry or Michael Fontana. Jerry can be reached at 630-587-0823 day or night. Our office can be reached at 630-587-9333.
 - With the pandemic and the shortages experienced in the industry they have tried to stock up on grips, chalk, spin locks, snap locks and floor anchors to try and help these items not get in the way of the boys' season.

Thank you to Julian Basler for hosting the winter Clinic this year

Thank you to Justin Spring for coming to speak this year

Meeting Adjourn

9:42AM